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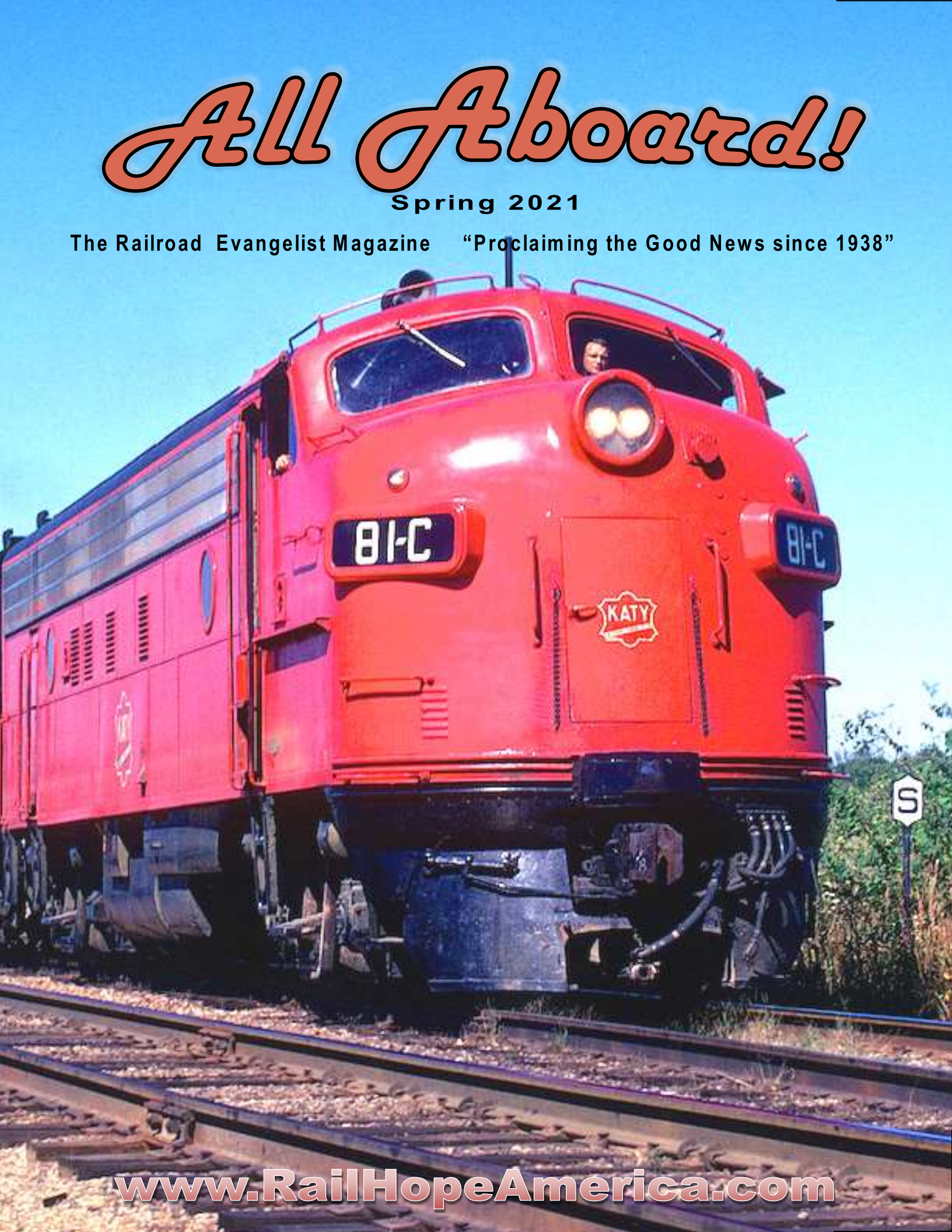

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MainLine

REA President David Wiegand

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto GOD."

(Philippians 4:6)

Recently Rosalee and I attended church by computer and our Pastor Michael Vallandingham issued an eloquent five point call to prayer. His text was James 5:13-18. I am pleased to share with you those five points of prayer in this column.

1. James 5:13 asks, "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray." This covid virus has brought about a host of afflictions causing unspeakable pain and tragedy. All of us are suffering from covid fatigue to one degree or another. Let us not fail to pray for those going through various trials and tribulations that have surfaced in 2020. "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you. (1 Peter 5:7).

2. James 5:13 also asks "Is any merry? Let him sing psalms." An effective therapy for the 2020 blues is reflection counting GOD's many blessings in your life. "O give thanks to the LORD; for He is good: for his mercy endureth forever." (Psalm 136:1).

3. Verse 15 tells us that "the prayer of faith shall save the sick." Believe that GOD is going to perform many miracles of healing in the days ahead. After all He is the Great Physician. May He get the glory.

4. Confess your faults to one another. (James 1:16). Confession of sin heals, cleanses, restores, calms and instills peace.. GOD's forgiveness is unlimited.

5. Verses 19 and 20 remind us to pray for sinners rather they be a brother or sister overtaken by sin or someone lost without CHRIST.

It is all summed up in verse 16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Prayer works! "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto GOD. (Philippians 4:6). Don't forget to Pray!

Yours in CHRIST, David Wiegand

Photo by David Wiegand, Jr.

"Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day"

Psalm 96:2

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In the cab to the left is Luther S. Harkey, (1885 - 1949), Founder of the Railroad Evangelistic Association in 1941. His hearts desire was to reach his fellow railroad employees with the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. From the first issue in 1938 until now The Railroad Evangelist magazine continues this vital ministry to the entire Railroad Community.

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We envision a day when the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed to all men and women throughout the world-wide railroad community.

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To reach all people connected with the railroad industry, including model railroaders and rail fan enthusiasts, with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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All Aboard!

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1. We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings. They are the supreme and final authority in faith and life.

2. We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.

4. We believe that man was created in the image of God: that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also Spiritual death which is separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word, and deed.

5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. In addition that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed Blood.

6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified Body of our Lord, in His Ascension into Heaven and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.

7. We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal, premillennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.

9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.

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LORD, when I feel that what I am doing is insignificant and unimportant, help me to remember that everything I do is significant and important in your eyes, because you love me and you put me here, and no on else can do what I am doing in exactly the way I do it."

Brennan Manning

Steam Engine Engineer Whistles for Safety

By Gil A. Stricklin
Signal Gang 1954
Kathy Railroad

Sweat was pouring off me. There was not a dry thread on my work shirt or under shorts as I lifted the pole digging shovel for one more stab in the earth. “Hotter than hell” some of my fellow workers would describe the day, even though I do not think any of them were theologians who would know that as a fact.

The Johnson grass had grown taller than my head at nearly six feet. The long stalks of grass were as still as death, for there was no wind to move them. The sun beat down on us from overhead and there was no shade anywhere near where we were working.

The only shade was about 14 inches wide that the telegraph pole we were replacing cast to the side from where I was digging.

We did not have many breaks except to fill up on water and then right back at it…with a 15-foot long set of a digging shovel and a ground scooper to remove dirt I dug. A new 35-foot, cresol cover pole, had been rolled down the railroad bank as we had brought it out on a flat pushcart when we came to work that morning.

Cresol to the skin is like acid that eats up the physical flesh it touches. It would eat you up, and even before you knew it the pain of burning, itching, and total misery was on the spot where cresol attacked the skin. What is the worse pain you ever had? Cresol on your skin would produce the most devastated pain you could ever experience. I have seen grown men cry when their arms and hands would swell and turn a deep red as it blistered their skin. Can you imagine how I responded when I got cresol on me? It was bad and I was just a college kid on summer work.

Work was hard enough without nursing cresol burns and continuing pain. When you handle a cresol telegraph pole you had better do it with steel carriers and strong gloves. You did not dare to get that black tar substance on any part of your body…hands, arms, face or anywhere else.

It was at those times of “planting” a new telegraph pole and removing an old broken down one that you wished a train would come roaring down the track. If it was a long freight train it took a few brief minutes for it to rush by and if it was a passenger train with 7 or 8 cars a much shorter time. The longer the better because you stopped working and looked up at the engine crew and returned a friendly railroad wave. It was only a brief break, but any resting break was good.

It sounded a long way off, but I thought I could hear the screeching steam engine whistle blowing somewhere. Since the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad, lovingly called “The Katy”, was the only railroad in our vicinity, it had to be one of ours.

I looked up at our gang foreman, who was in the shade of his motor car sitting on a soft seat and comfortable back. He pulled out his railroad watch, checking the time. He hollered to clear the tracks, as No.6, the Blue Bonnet passenger train, was coming through

We could barely hear the whistle and now the boss is telling us to clear everything off and around the tracks. It seemed we had plenty of time to make sure we were all safe, and the fast passenger train to Dallas, Waco, Austin, and San Antonio would clear our gang without incident.

The whistle sound was getting stronger, louder, and louder. You could easily tell it was a fast-moving train approaching from the north heading south. The sound grew stronger and stronger and constant…some of the gang members began to laugh saying the engineer was just playing with the whistle. Another said, “no he did not know how to whistle and was just practicing and trying to learn.” Still other gang members pointed out he was whistling for safety, making sure we had cleared the track.

I was leaning on my long handle shovel, watching the approaching train. As I stared at the engine, I recognized the engineer running the training. He always wore a hat and at 45 or 50 miles an hour his brim was folded up by the wind.

The acting engineer had on a business suit, white shirt, and tie, wearing long covering engineer gloves. He never looked left or right, only looking down the track ahead. His right hand was on the engine throttle, while his other hand was blowing the whistle full blast.

I did not tell anyone; however, the reason I recognized the acting engineer on number 6 that day was because he was my dad running the train. He did not wave and neither did I, nor did I talk about my dad the Assistant Superintendent and part time engineer.

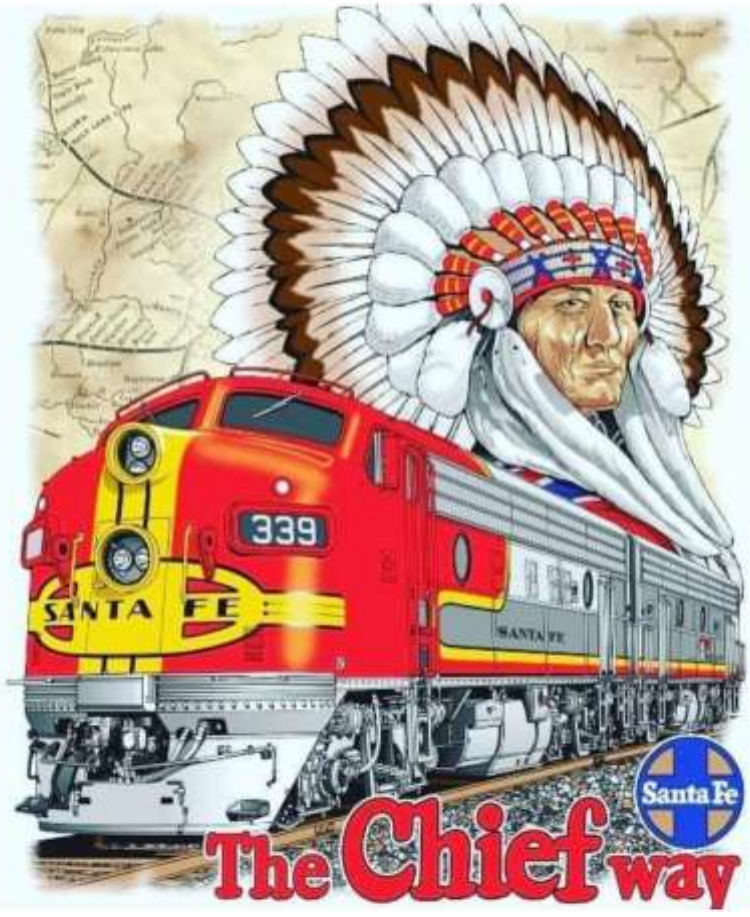
I just went back to digging my pole hole listening to my fellow gang members comments. “Did you guys see that engineer? He was dressed up fit to go to church on Sunday,” one asked. Another added, “Yea, and he had a hat on too, with the bill turned up by the wind.” Another fellow gang member chimed in, “Well, I guess he was one of those ‘high ups’ from division headquarters out having a little fun.” I just listened and kept digging.

Later, when I went home for the weekend, I told my dad I saw him as the engineer running No. 6. I asked him why he whistled so from a long way back until he had passed our gang a good way. You whistled a whole lot, Dad, and I wondered why, I said.

Dad did not say anything at first. He was looking away from me, with a sad expression on his face.

Waiting for his answer, which seemed like a long time, I remained silent; he then replied.

“Son, the worse thing I could ever think of would be me running the engine and hit a gang member killing him instantly. Then to find out it was my son, I killed. I was whistling for safety, your safety, and the whole gang.”



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FRIENDSHIPS

by: Jay Glenewinkel Seagoville, Texas

“**Friends of REA**”

Sometimes the biggest blessings come in the most subtle ways. One of these subtle gestures came in the form of a letter. Very simple words from a kind man who offered words of encouragement at a time when my own life had hit rock bottom.

In early Summer of 2010, I was thumbing through a copy of WRITER`S MARKET, searching for sources in which I could submit my various essays and poetry for publication. ALL ABOARD and the REA were among the many publishers listed, so I sent a letter to the address listed. In late August 2010, I received a package from Reverend Seidler that contained several back issues of ALL ABOARD, and a letter that introduced himself to me. And through correspondence, Reverend Seidler and I have been friends ever since.

Through Reverend Seidler, I was introduced to the REA family and given a platform in which to share my compositions, starting with a tribute to a couple of railroad friends of mine who were killed when two Union Pacific trains collided head-on in Devine, Texas in 1997 (ALL ABOARD Summer 2011). In 2012, Reverend Seidler did a feature article on me. In 2013, through Reverend Seidler, I wrote an article about fellow REA member Bob Leidigh followed by an article on my friend Harold Rector in 2015.

Also through Reverend Seidler, I have managed to meet and maintain correspondence with some other wonderful people. REA President David Wiegand, whom I have been in contact withfor seven years now, and Bob Leidigh. David, Bob and Joe have also been very valued and I would like to thank them for their kindness, generosity and friendship as well.

I have never had the chance to shake Reverend Seidler`s hand, I have never met him in person. But I see him on a regular basis in my thoughts and prayers. Over the years we have discussed numerous topics, from railroads to family to life. But what has impressed me the most about Reverend Seidler is that he literally practices what he preaches. He never judged me, even knowing that I am incarcerated. And what`s more, through all of the trials and tribulations that we have both endured, he never lost his Faith- in God, Family, Country or Friendship.

Reverend Seidler and David Wiegand have been very instrumental in helping me develop a writing career while incarcerated. From 2011 to present day, I have a total of twenty-six publishing credits that includes being published in Australia and Africa, with more to come in 2021. I owe Reverend Seidler, David and Joe a great deal of gratitude for all that they have done for me over the years, especially in 2019 when my grandmother passed away, followed by my mother a few months later, with their words of kindness and compassion.

Recently, I dealt with myriad of issues regarding my health, including becoming infected with the corona virus twice and having part of my toe amputated due to COVID-related infection. But the support continues, and my appreciation is never-ending.

*I would like to encourage each of you who are reading this now to select a person from the **FRIENDS OF THE REA** listing and send them a letter. Take the opportunity to get to know the person themselves. You will be surprised and possibly end up with a very good friend.*

As for Reverend Seidler, from deep in my heart, I thank you for ten-plus years of friendship and I look forward to many more years of friendship ahead. To David, Bob and Joe, I also would like to thank you for the many years of friendships and blessings. For the rest of you, keep on the right track and may God always bless the railroaders.

Rail Fan & Model Railroader

by Rev. Stephen R. Seidler

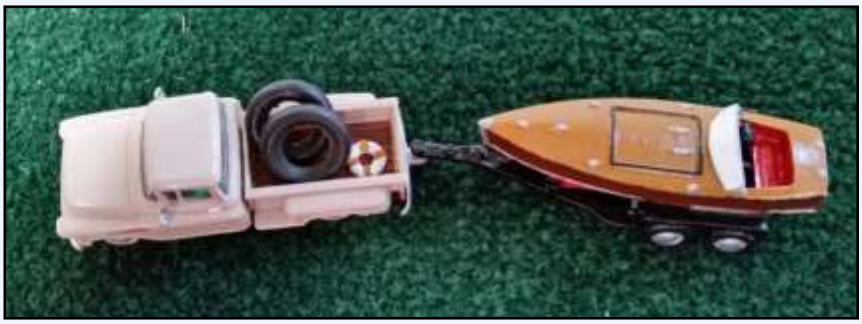
C.O.V.I.D RAILROADING **C**rafting **O**riginal **V**ehicles **I**n **D**etail

The past year has been difficult, but not impossible for the REA family. We have had to cancel our Carlisle Convention, most train shows and hobby venues are closed, we have lost places to distribute tracts and copies of ALL ABOARD, but we have maintained our fellowship through electronic means. During these pandemic months have you been wise or unwise in all your activities for the cause of Christ? Ephesians 5:15-21 can be applied to our model railroading as follows: "Look carefully then how you build, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of your time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the LORD is…being filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and Zoom meetings and virtual gatherings, singing and making melody to the LORD with your heart, with your hands, with your mind, with your skills and abilities, giving thanks always for all your talents and abilities to God the Father in the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, submitting to one another what you have accomplished out of reverence for Christ who enables you to use those skills." When life and model railroading seemed to shut down around me and train shows were non-existent, I applied Philippians 4:6 and made my request known to God. Instead of being anxious for nothing, I can truly say I am thankful that God has allowed me to use my talents and skills and a keen eye to continue to build during this pandemic time period. To the glory of God, I am humbly showcasing what I have been able to detail in model railroad vehicles and buildings.

Under some duress, I have been able to use the time to accelerate my model railroading - supplies have been hard to obtain; cannot visit a hobby shop for needed items; lumber prices have skyrocketed; glues, paints, solvents, weathering alcohol and detail parts are virtually non-existent. I have relied on my stash of kits and building supplies. I have kept busy in my new garage workshop, made even more pleasant by the fact that the mainline of the Norfolk Southern RR runs past my window/patio/deck less than 400 yards away. This line is heavy with NS freights, regular Amtrak commuters, and the passage of THE CARDINAL and THE CRESCENT. As I write, a NS stack train thunders by with the second of four units painted to honor First Responders (Heritage Fleet.) Here is a sampling of my efforts to **C**raft **O**rdinary **V**ehicles **I**n **D**etail, also doing a few buildings to incorporate the vehicles. I have tried to provide some construction hints for you to duplicate these skills in your own building as you redeem the time along your lines of interest. Keep active for God's glory. Remember, when you are through building, ***YOU ARE THROUGH!***

Model from CMW has plastic cab with resin body – very poorly cast and must be cleaned up. Open cab, insert driver and cut one side window open. German fire figures are re-carved as workers. Stuff paper in openings to look like trash. Scuff up edges of truck rear. Add mirror, lights, license plate and a RR poster on each side to complete this vehicle.

Model Diecast underbody details, blue clerestory windows, card stock used inside to represent shades. My grandfather was chief draftsman at Pullman Co. and designed the Palace Cars back in the late 1800s.



Pick-ups and boat trailers from Classic Metal Works Truck are plastic and metal, while trailer is resin casting and must be heavily trimmed and then painted. Figures can be placed in both cabs. Outboard motor is painted to represent an Evinrude, 1957. The inner tubes are "O" rings. You will need to fabricate hitches for these units.

GC Laser cardboard kit to fit 1946 Chevy pickup painted with markers.
(Below) **A&W Root Beer Stand**, 1950s Eau Claire, WI – interior details crafted from spare parts. Figures are hand painted. My father's 1948 DeSoto Carryall sedan and Dodge pick-up are Oxford Diecast models. The family next to car are my father holding my little sister and my mother with me by her side.

6X6 GMC Tanker from Johnny Lightning - Texaco lettering replaced with fire decals and details. Two Roco off-road units painted with added details including 5 firefighters in proximity suits being transported to frontlines via tracked vehicle.

Women of REA

Beverly Salloum

REA Registrar

I was raised in Solvay, NY, the eldest daughter in a family of seven children. My Dad, Charles Burke, was a hardworking Irishman, and my mother, Carmela, a beautiful, full-blooded Italian, both of whom loved and appreciated the life of each child that God blessed them with. My grandfathers, on both sides of the family, were railroad workers. My grandfather Burke died in a railroad work accident when my father was only 13 years old. My father, being the only male in his family, joined the work force. My grandfather Masella, a boilerman on the railroad, retired from the railroad and belonged to the Railroad Evangelistic Association. He is how I was "grandfathered" into the marvelous organization of REA.

When I was a young girl, my Grandmother Masella (Many of you probably remember her, Grandpa, and my aunts: The Masella Trio.) had a vision of me. She saw me in a wedding dress, standing, with my groom, under an arch of roses. The significance was that God was going to provide me with a good husband and bless me with a good life with him. Because of that vision, I was never concerned about having a boyfriend or finding a husband, knowing that God had it all taken care of.

In June of 1966, I graduated from Solvay High School, and I wanted to go straight to college, as many of my friends were doing. I had been accepted at Syracuse University and was looking forward to attending. My father, however, wanted me to work for a year and then go on to college. There was no question about it, I went to work. I was blessed with a job in the bookkeeping department of Syracuse University. On the first day of work, I met someone who was getting off the bus at the same stop, also starting her first day of work at SU, in the same department. We wound up being good friends throughout our days at SU and going to the same college after working a year. We even were bridesmaids in each other's weddings. This reminiscing leads me to another blessing that came through obeying my dad. After I worked at SU for a year, I decided to attend Onondaga Community College. I was on the dean's list and enjoyed every day at school. During my first year there, I joined the International Relations Club. Unbeknown to me, at the beginning of that semester, right on my birthday, a young man made it to America from Palestine, the same land where Jesus, our Savior, had been born. In January, he started school at the same college that I was attending. It was my job that day to pass out invitations to the student body, inviting them to hear our speaker. I saw this student and handed him an invitation. I didn't know, till many years later, that when I did that, the Lord showed him that I was going to be his wife. Moral of the story: Children, obey your parents.

I graduated from OCC in May, and, in October, that student (Magead Salloum) and I got married in the church that I grew up in, First Christian Assembly, in Syracuse, NY. Nine months later, my husband and I were blessed with the first of seven fantastic children, all of whom have grown up to be beautiful, responsible, productive human beings, yielding, so far, fourteen, out-of-this- world- grandchildren, who have given us a growing number of "greats". So, for thirty years, I raised our children, and then I decided to go to massage therapy school. The first night of class, I asked the Lord to help me do well and to help me to graduate as valedictorian of my class. One of the reasons that I wanted to do well was because our "teacher-of-the-year-for-many-years" son, Benjamin (a former president of REA) was a teacher there, and I wanted him to be proud of his Mom. God was faithful. I studied like crazy and graduated valedictorian of my class.

Early in our marriage, the Lord called us into the ministry, which we accepted. During the course of our lives and ministry, and in spite of many close calls, the Lord protected us, sparing our lives. When I was a young girl, a neighborhood bully was going to hurt me, so I ran away from her, into the street, right in front of an oncoming city bus. I held out my hands and felt the bus on my palms. The bus stopped and I was unhurt. It was like a feat that you would see Superman do.

We put many, many miles on our cars over the half century of ministry. God always protected us and those around us. One time we were on a narrow bridge and a car was coming toward us. We and the other driver had no place to escape a head-on collision. Miraculously, we found ourselves past the car, on our way to the meeting. Another time, God spared us from being smashed by a Mack truck. The road was pure ice and the driver, exiting the highway, couldn't stop. The truck was inches from my elbow. I remember my father-in-law yelling, "Bil issm Yassua" ("In the name of Jesus", in Arabic). We called on the name of Jesus (in English). The Lord understands all languages! Praise God!! The truck missed us and plowed into the snowbank. The young, unhurt driver of the truck was as thankful as we were, and we continued on our way to minister at the meeting. Even recently, I, somehow, contracted covid and pneumonia. Two months later, my husband came down with covid. We came through, with our lives intact and thanksgiving in our hearts.

Last year, my husband and I celebrated our 50 th wedding anniversary. I have had the privilege to be the wife of a good man, a wonderful teacher, preacher, pastor, and past president of REA. During the course of our nearly fifty years of being in the Lord's service, we have ministered in several countries as well as the United States, and have founded the New Testament Church in Rome, NY. Serving as registrar for REA for the past several years has been a blessing to me, and I have met many wonderful people through it. One of my favorite verses from the Bible is Romans 8:28. "And we know that all thing work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." It has proven to be true in my life, and I thank God for His faithfulness and saving power.

"Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed,
because His companion fail not,
they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22,23

Editors Note: The Beverly Salloum family along with her husband Pastor Magead Salloum and former REA President, their children and grandchildren have been a tremendous blessing to REA for many years.

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If you need prayer for yourself or a friend please call REA at the number above. You can also go to the RailHopeAmerica.com web site to leave your confidential request there as well. You can also:

> Request a complimentary copy of the Railroad Evangelist magazine, "***All Aboard!"*** for a friend.
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> Listen to some great train songs
> Make a donation to REA.
> Explore the RHA web page.
> Read a inspirational message.
> Share the web page with a friend.

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If you are interested in beginning an REA Chapter or a RailHope Fellowship contact the editor.

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> One minute you're young and having fun. Before you know it, you're turning down the radio in your car to see better.

> It's weird being the same age as old people.

> I just want to know why my clothes only get caught on the door handle when I am in a bad mood.

> The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't have to write it down, I'll remember it."

> Maybe the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.

Igor, how long does it take to go out and bring back a simple little brain.

"A cheerful heart does good like a medicine"
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>Valley Forge / Philadelphia - About 3 hours

Cross Over

"Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter into the joy of the Lord"

For a donation of any amount to the Cross Over Memorial page is a place where both God and your loved ones will be remembered and honored.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5

Alan Harkey by
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Alan Harkey by REA Malaga Chapter

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Odd and Mildred Aarstad

"My dear wife Mildred went to sleep on May 29, 2020 and in the early morning of May 30, 2020 God promoted her to her Heaven home to the place He said he had prepared for her. This is what she prayed for and I cherish her memory. We were in our 73rd year of marriage. We always enjoyed our fellowship with REA. Keep on the firing line for Jesus. Sending a donation in memory for my dear wife, mother, Grandmother and great Grandmother. Three children, 13 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren we are so blessed. We greet our REA brothers and sisters till we meet again.
In Christ, Odd Aarstad

Editors note: REA was blessed whenever Mildred filled in to play the piano at our REA conventions when sister Rosalind Glass wasn't able to attend.

"Well done, good and FAITHFUL Servant!"
Matthew 25:23

RAILROAD EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION
Jesus is the light at the end of the Tunnel

"But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ dies for us." Romans 5:8

"...Christ died for our sins...and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day…" I Corinthians 15:3,4

"...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation". Romans 10: 9,10

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be save." Acts 4:12

"But as many as receive Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." John 1:12

"...he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death to life." John 5:24

SUGGESTED MODEL PRAYER

God be merciful to me a sinner, I believe you died on the cross to forgive me of all my sins. I believe You were raised from the dead on the third day victorious over death, hell and the grave. I now receive You as my Savior and Lord. Fill me know with Your Holy Spirit to enable me to live for You all the days of my life. Thank you Lord Jesus for saving my soul, in Your name I pray. Amen.

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2. II Peter 1:1-11
3. I John chapter 1
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Alan L. Harkey Bound for Glory!

The Life of a Servant

Rev. Alan L. Harkey, 67, of Simpsonville, husband of his loving wife, Janet Bosse Harkey, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Born in Sanford, FL, he was the son of the late Rev. Bernard Luther Harkey and Mary Alice Harkey Kronjaeger.

In addition to his wife, Janet, Rev. Harkey is survived by his sons, Christopher Luther Harkey (Hope), and David Alexander Harkey, all of Greenville; grandchildren, Ella Mae, Henry Luther, Hudson Robert, Christopher Allan, Erin Elizabeth, and Carolina Raine Harkey; one brother, Trey Kronjaeger (Cyndra); four sisters, Sarah Simmons (Harvey), Grace Page (Tim), Beth Anne Hubrecht, and Jeanenne Brugnolotti (Steve); a brother-in-law, Larry Bosse (Joan); and a sister-in-law, Donna Guzikowski (Chris). Rev. Harkey was preceded in death by one grandson, Hosea David Harkey.

Rev. Alan Harkey was well known for his extensive work on behalf of disadvantaged people throughout the world. A **former chief of staff** to two senators and a congressman from the state of Florida, Rev. Harkey served for 14 years as president and CEO of Christian Blind Mission International USA. (CBMI)

During that time he introduced the concept for a worldwide campaign to eliminate avoidable blindness by the year 2020. That campaign, called "**Vision 2020-The Right To Sight**", has become an international movement supported by many national governments, the World Health Organization, the Vatican, and more than 30 notable support groups including the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Carter Center, Lions International, and others. Since its launch in 1998, "Vision 2020-The Right To Sight" has made a major impact on reducing blindness world-wide.

Rev. Harkey currently served as Regional Director of Donor Relations for **Feed The Children**. With 30+ years experience in the non-profit sector as well as his work in the political arena, Rev. Harkey had a unique perspective on the condition of human suffering.

In addition to his work in the non-profit sector Rev. Alan Harkey was an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene pastoring Life Spring Nazarene Church in Duncan, SC, Genesis Church of the Nazarene in Honea Path, SC and most recently **Haywood Chapel at Haywood Estates in Greenville, SC.**

Alan was also past **President and Vice President of Railroad Evangelistic Association.** REA is a ministry that his grandfather, Luther S. Harkey began in 1938 proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to railroaders around the world and continues to win lost souls for Christ today.

Rev. Harkey shared his **extraordinary musical talent** with many through the years. His piano renditions of the classics, hymns and original compositions were a hallmark of all who knew him.

Of all his achievements throughout his life, the most important thing was his relationship to his Heavenly Father, his family and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever he went.

Memorials may be given to:
Railroad Evangelistic Association, www.railhopeamerica.com,
255 State Route 49, Cleveland, NY 13042

Feed The Children, www.feedthechildren.org,
333 North Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Last night at 8:49pm my Father, earthy hero, friend and spiritual mentor held my hand as our family was singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" he walked into Heaven on the streets of gold now with Jesus. I look forward to the day when I will be with him in Heaven but until that day I will do everything I can to bring as many of my family, friends and strangers along with me. To God be the glory. - Chris Harkey

Alan and Janet Harkey

"Well done my good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of the Lord"

Christmas with the grandchildren

Three wonderful REA men, Colonel Don Howell (Retired US Army), Pastor Paul Campbell and Pastor Alan Harkey, REA Convention.

Rail Hope International

This exquisite photo was taken by Thomas Stutz at Meggen, Switzerland. It is also the January 2021 RailHope International calendar photo. For more information on RailHope International and to see the world-wide RailHope network go to their web page at:

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